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Appl. No.: 10/071,469 Confirmation No.: 1045
Applicant(s): Bentley *et al.*
Filed: February 8, 2002
Art Unit: 1712
Examiner: Metzmaier, Daniel S.
Title: HETEROBIFUNCTIONAL POLY(ETHYLENE GLYCOL) DERIVATIVES
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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In response to the Final Office Action dated January 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Please see the attached Amendment After Final (13 pages), Notice of Appeal (1 page) and
Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (1 page) in reference to the above-identified application.

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